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May 06, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#19

May 6, 2014

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### **RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF REWARD FUNDS RELATING TO THE MURDER OF PHILIP WILLIAMSON (ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

#### **SUBJECT**

Board approval is being requested for the distribution of reward funds in the amount of \$10,000 to be paid from the Board's discretionary funds.

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

Approve the recommendation of the Reward Committee to distribute reward funds in the total amount of \$10,000, to be paid from the Board's discretionary funds, to an individual who provided information to law enforcement that led to the apprehension and conviction of the person responsible for the murder of Philip Williamson.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On March 24, 2011, Philip Williamson was found in an alley in Long Beach suffering from what became a fatal gunshot wound. On July 26, 2011, the Board approved a reward for \$10,000 for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the murder of Philip Williamson and reinstated the reward on November 5, 2013.

During the investigation, a witness came forward and was instrumental in the apprehension and

conviction of Marcel Mackabee (Defendant). On January 23, 2014, the law enforcement agency filed a claim, on behalf of the witness for the reward with the Board of Supervisors, Executive Office.

The Detective from the City of Long Beach's Police Department indicated that the witness provided information regarding the Defendant's involvement in the murder of Philip Williamson and assisted with the investigation by wearing an undercover and concealed video camera. The Detective stated that the witness testified against the Defendant during the murder trial and his testimony was "straight forward, concise, and honest" and was "a turning point in the case." The Detective also indicated that the witness had to be relocated to a different state for safety, since the Defendant was an admitted gang member.

As a result, on July 19, 2013, Marcel Mackabee was convicted and sentenced for the special circumstances murder, while in the commission of a robbery to spend the rest of his natural life in prison without the possibility of parole.

A panel of individuals representing the Sheriff, the Chief Executive Office, County Counsel and the Executive Officer of the Board, reviewed the claim filed for the reward funds. The panel is recommending that the \$10,000 be awarded to the individual who provided information to law enforcement. In accordance with provisions of the Los Angeles County Code, Title 4 – Revenue and Finance, the Board must now consider the claim and make a final determination for distribution of the reward funds.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of the above recommendation supports the County Strategic Goal of Service Excellence. Publication in local newspapers and posting of reward notices on the County website may encourage persons to provide information to law enforcement, which could lead to the arrest and conviction of the individuals who commit crimes, thereby improving the quality of life for Los Angeles County residents by removing such individuals from the community.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The Board of Supervisors established a \$10,000 reward fund. Pursuant to provisions in the County Code, the reward is to be paid from the Board of Supervisors' discretionary funds in equal shares of \$2,000 from each Supervisor's account.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In 1993, the Board of Supervisors adopted an amendment to the County Code that established procedures for offering rewards for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of persons guilty of criminal acts. Your Board, from time to time, has offered such rewards to encourage citizens to come forward and assist law enforcement with their investigations.

The action recommended is in compliance with the County Code, Title 4 - Revenue and Finance relating to rewards; and specifically Section 4.50.010B, which states "conviction of the person of persons responsible for the crime shall be required for payment of reward unless the Board of Supervisors make a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of such person or persons."

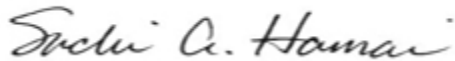
The Notice of Reward Offered was published in the Long Beach Press Telegram. In addition, the

reward notice was posted on the Board of Supervisors' website; and the Sheriff's Department was provided a copy of the notice. The filing period to submit a claim to the Executive Office for the reward expired on April 4, 2014.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There is no impact on current County services.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sachi A. Hamai".

SACHI A. HAMAI

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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Enclosures

c: District Attorney  
Sheriff  
Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 381B  
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

**Tuesday, November 5, 2013**

**9:30 AM**

6. Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Knabe: Reinstate the \$10,000 reward offered for the purpose of allowing the informant who provided information that led to the suspect's conviction to be eligible to file a claim for the reward related to the murder of Philip Williamson, who died from a fatal gunshot wound on March 24, 2011 at approximately 10:25 p.m. (11-3390)

**On motion of Supervisor Knabe, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was approved.**

**Ayes:** 5 - Supervisor Molina, Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Supervisor Knabe, Supervisor Antonovich and Supervisor Ridley-Thomas

**Attachments:** [Motion by Supervisor Knabe](#)  
[Notice of Reward](#)

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings for the meeting held November 5, 2013, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer  
Executive Officer-Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors

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